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In response to the Office Action mailed July 18, 2002, Applicant, through his attorney, replies as follows:

In the Claims:

Substitute the following claims:

- 1 1. A creeper comprising opposed side rails having a planar bottom surface;
- 2 a pad supported between said side rails; and a plurality of caster
- 3 assemblies rotatable on a vertical axis relative to said side rails and
- 4 supporting said side rails; each of said plurality of caster assemblies
- 5 attached to said planar bottom surface and fully positioned under and
- 6 within the profile of said side rails, and including a wheel having a wheel
- 7 body with a radial surface wherein the width of the contact between said
- 8 radial surface and a work surface upon which the creeper is placed is
- 9 from about 50 to about 75 percent of the maximum width of said wheel
- 10 body.